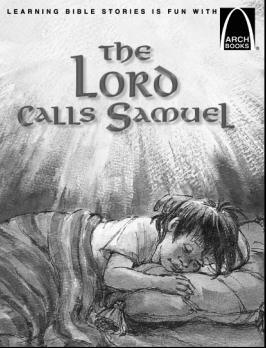


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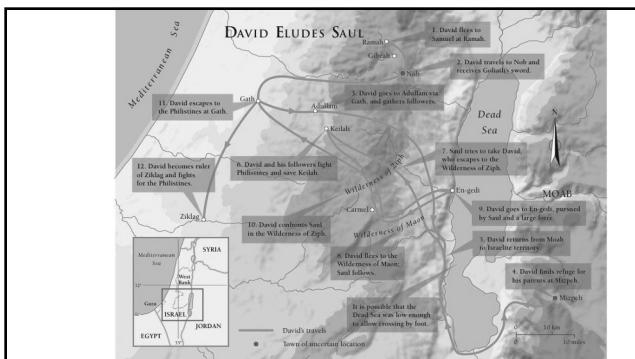
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2

**David Spares Saul's Life – 24:1-23**

† This story demonstrates David's reverence for Saul as God's anointed king. Although given the opportunity, David refuses to kill "the anointed one." The Hebrew word *mesheach* means "chosen one"; "anointed one"; Messiah.

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3

**David Spares Saul's Life – 24:1-23**

- † 1 – Saul had gone to deal with a Philistine problem. Once that is finished he resumes his hunt for David, who is now at Engedi.
- † 2 – Saul takes an army of 3000 to the area known as “the Rock of the Wild Goats.”
- † 3 – There were sheep pens in the caves. Saul went to relieve himself in the same cave where David was hiding.

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4

**David Spares Saul's Life – 24:1-23**

- † 4 – This quote is not recorded elsewhere, but is in keeping of what God told David. Here is the opportunity to kill Saul, but all David took was a piece of his robe.
- † 5-6 – David is sorry that he even contemplated killing Saul, the Lord's Anointed.
- † 7 – Saul left the cave not knowing how close to death he had come.

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5

**David Confronts Saul – 24:8-15**

- † 8 – David calls to Saul, calling him his Lord and King.
- † 9-15 – David makes several arguments for Saul to stop trying to kill him:
  - † 1 – Saul listened to the wrong people.
  - † 2 – David had the opportunity to kill Saul but refrained.
  - † 3 – David was his son-in-law – (“my father”).

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6

**David Confronts Saul – 24:8-15**

- † 9-15 – David's arguments (cont.)
- † 4 – David showed Saul the hem of his robe. David had committed no wrong.
- † 5 – Saul was chasing a “dead dog”. David wasn't worth the effort.

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7

**Saul's Response – 24:16-23**

- † 16 – Saul asks if he hears David's voice, calling him “my son.”
- † 17 – Saul admits David is more righteous than he is.
- † 18-19 – David has shown that he is not Saul's enemy.
- † 20 – Saul admits that David will, indeed, be King.
- † 21 – Saul begs for leniency for his descendants.
- † 22 – David swore an oath to Saul.

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8

**Death of Samuel – 25:1**

- † C. 1012 – Samuel dies
- † 1 – The death of Samuel is inserted here with no chronological notation. The author probably put it in here right after Saul acknowledges David as the next king.
- † The fact that “all Israel gathered to mourn him” demonstrates the importance of his role.

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9

**Nabal and Abigail – 25:2-35**

- † 2 – A wealthy man from Maon, shearing his sheep in Carmel.
- † 3 – His name is “Nabal” – the Hebrew word for “fool.” His wife’s name is “Abigail” which means “my father rejoices.”
- † Nabal is a “Calebite”, related to the Ziphites who betrayed David.

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10

**Nabal and Abigail – 25:2-35**

- † 4 – David takes this opportunity to seek supplies for his men from Nabal.
- † 5-7 – He greets Nabal and reminds him that his men had safeguarded Nabal’s shepherds.
- † 8 – Nabal’s shepherds confirm what David says. David asks Nabal to spare some of the food his men were enjoying.

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11

**Nabal and Abigail – 25:2-35**

- † 10 – Nabal’s answer claimed David was a disloyal servant of Saul who deserved nothing.
- † 13 – David’s response was to arm himself and take 400 men to teach Nabal a lesson.
- † 14-16 – Meanwhile, it was reported to Abigail what Nabal had done, affirming that David had taken care of them.

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12

**Nabal and Abigail – 25:2-35**

- † 17 – The servant advised Abigail to take action, knowing that what was about to happen would not be good for anyone.
- † 18-20 – Abigail immediately took a large amount of provisions for David and met him on the road to Carmel.
- † 21 – David was angry that Nabal had repaid good with evil, just like Saul.

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13

**Nabal and Abigail – 25:2-35**

- † 22 – David was going to destroy every person in Nabal's household.
- † 23-24 – Abigail bowed down to David and took the blame for all Nabal said.
- † 25 – She admitted that Nabal was a worthless fool, aptly named.
- † 26 – God had arranged for her to save David from doing something he would regret.

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14

**Nabal and Abigail – 25:2-35**

- † 27-28 – Giving David and his men the food, she asks for forgiveness, recognizing that the Lord was on David's side.
- † 29 – She is sure that God was caring for David and his enemies would be banished as if hurled from a sling
- † 30-35 – David would avoid needless bloodshed and a future guilty conscience.

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15

**David Marries Abigail – 25:36-44**

- † 36 – Abigail found her husband drunk, so she said nothing that night.
- † 37 – In the morning she told him everything and “his heart died within him.”
- † 38 – 10 days later he died.
- † 39 – David, recognizing that Abigail had kept him from wrongdoing, asks her to become his wife.

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16

**David Marries Abigail – 25:36-44**

- † 41 – Abigail agrees and goes to join David.
- † 43 - Just a footnote about the wives of David. Ahinoam was his second wife and the mother of Amnon, David's eldest son.
- † 44 – Michal, Saul's daughter, was supposed to be David's wife, but Saul gave her to another, probably to weaken David's claim to the throne.

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